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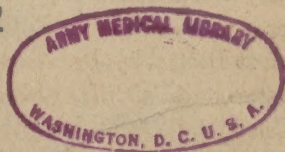
STAMMERING,

AND OTHER

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NEW-YORK INSTITUTION

FOR CORRECTING IMPEDIMENTS OF SPEECH,

No. 254 BROADWAY, OPPOSITE THE PARK.

MRS. LEIGH, the Principal of this Institution, has engaged Dr. C. C. YATES, a professional gentleman of high respectability, and who is now jointly interested with her in the institution, to aid her in superintending it. She feels warranted in assuring the public from the perfect success she has had in cases of stammering and other impediments of speech that have come under her care, that *all stammerers can be cured*, and the most obstinate can be made to speak with comparative ease and fluency in a few weeks, and many in a few days.

Connected with the New York Institution, branches have been established in different sections of the United States, all of them under the charge of persons of competent talents, integrity and industry, in whom the public may place the fullest confidence. They have all been perfected in the principles and practice of her system, at her institution in New York. The branches are, one at *Boston*, by *Mr. Wilson*—one at *Philadelphia*, by *Miss Noah*—one at *Granville*, (N. Y.) by *Mr. Towne*—one at *Norwich*, (Conn.) by *Doct. Dwight*—one at *Pittsburgh*, (Penn.) by *Mr. Hall*, and one at *Cincinnati*, (Ohio) by *Mr. Wm. Yates*. & *one at Concord N. H. by Mr. J. L. Follett*

STAMMERING.

THIS unhappy vice of speech, which daily causes so much distress and misery to its victims, by rendering them hopeless exiles from the pleasures of conversation and society, has long baffled the ingenuity of the cunning, and the learning of the wise, in a search after its true cause, and a discovery of an effectual mode of curing it. In the last thirty years, various systems, both in Europe and America, have been adopted for the relief of this distressing habit ; some of which, in their application, have been *partially* successful : but as the true causes of stammering had not been developed, it cannot be a matter of surprize, that those systems, not being founded upon a knowledge of those causes, should all have failed of complete success. Indeed, it is a truth, that, till *Mrs. Leigh's* discovery, the farthest point arrived at, in the removal of this afflicting habit, was, to enable the unfortunate sufferer under it, while immediately under the direction of the teacher, or while perfectly cool and collected, to speak without hesitation, and without stammering ; but the moment they emerged from the care of the teacher, and again became engaged in the agitating affairs of the world, and subject to the passions and feelings which influence men in the common business of life, they forgot their discipline, and soon relapsed into habits of stammering as inveterate as before. Hence has arisen the belief, late so prevalent, that a confirmed habit of stammering was incurable ; a belief, which in too many cases has plunged its unhappy votaries into hopeless despondence.

Fortunately, however, the discovery by *Mrs. Leigh*, of the true causes of stammering, having enabled her to form a "New System" of curing it—a system which, in every case to which it has been applied, has been attended with complete success—the

public are warranted in a conviction, that the belief hitherto so generally entertained, of the incurable quality of this habit, is entirely illusory.

That it is such, in truth, she trusts will abundantly appear, even to the most sceptical, from a perusal of the very respectable letters, certificates, and other proofs, which it is the object of this pamphlet to spread before the public ; an act to which she is impelled by a motive of duty, knowing that there are a great many of the most valuable and useful citizens of our country, who are deeply interested in it, and who are not only stopt short in a career of usefulness in society, but are cut off from the enjoyment of the chiefest pleasure of life.

EXTRACTS, LETTERS, &c.

ON THE SUBJECT OF MRS. LEIGH'S SYSTEM.

From Snowden's National Advocate.

We this day insert an advertisement by a lady, on the subject of Impediment of Speech, or Stammering.

Stammering is one of those misfortunes which habit makes familiar to us from the hopelessness of its correction. It is apt to grow upon us in such a degree, as sometimes to render our intercourse with society painful and embarrassing. It deprives us of the benefit and pleasure of the social circle.

How often do we meet with young ladies whose intelligence and fancy would be the delight of society, but who yet remain mute in company, rather than embarrass themselves and pain their associates with fruitless attempts at conversation? We have known many such, who, were there a remedy within their reach, would make uncommon sacrifices to attain it. That remedy is now offered by a lady who we know possesses the art of correcting the evil in a short time. We are apprised of the cases of two young ladies in this city, who had both stammered for eight years—on the one the evil was increasing daily; we know that they were under the tuition of this lady, and that within the space of one month, they were enabled to speak with the same ease and fluency as if they never had stuttered. We have conversed with both of them, therefore speak from our own knowledge.

From the same, containing the copy of a letter from Doct. S. L. Mitchell to Mrs. Leigh.

Curiosity prompted us yesterday to visit Mrs. Leigh's "Institution for correcting Impediments of Speech." She has between 20 and 30 pupils under daily tuition, and who present one of the most gratifying scenes we ever beheld. To see those who had for years been deprived of the pleasure and facilities of conversation, successfully striving to obtain an easy utterance, and some amongst those who had literally abandoned all attempts at conversation with strangers, was a scene more easily felt than described.

Among a number of testimonials exhibited by Mrs. Leigh of the approbation of her system, we had the good fortune to prevail on her to let us take a copy of the following letter from Dr. Mitchell, Professor of Natural History, Botany, &c. in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New-York : it renders any further observations on our part superfluous.

TO MRS. LEIGH,

New-York, March 17, 1826.

MADAM—I feel as if I ought to inform you that my visit to your establishment, yesterday, for the use of Stammerers, was attended with high gratification.

The hesitation and perversion of the voice, which you treat with success, appeared to me as chronic and inveterate diseases; and you the skillful physician who possessed the art of removing them. The power of regimen was never carried farther than among the patients of your peculiar infirmary; for the entire relief and recovery are effected by it.

There was great pleasure in learning the number of both sexes that had been, under your directions, restored to ready and fluent utterance, and it was almost as satisfactory to hear the young ladies and gentlemen declare, with mended speech, their alteration for the better, and their confidence of soon acquiring a prompt and distinct enunciation.

Lest, however, you should be startled at this professional view of the subject, I will give you a different one. The persons by whom you were attended were striving to discontinue certain vicious and imperfect modes of articulation, and to attain easy and correct pronunciation. Their assemblage constituted a school: and you appeared as the instructress in the midst of your pupils—and never, perhaps, was proficiency more rapid or complete.

Whether patients or pupils, I think they are in good hands, and I hope you may long be the dispenser of benefits in the business you so well understand. SAMUEL L. MITCHELL.

We are credibly informed, that some days after Dr. Mitchell's visit, he, together with three other professional and scientific gentlemen, visited the institution, and were in honorable confidence initiated into its principles by Mrs. Leigh; and we are authorized to state that those gentlemen were not only highly gratified with the proofs, together with their personal observations, of the success of her pupils, but unanimously expressed a perfect confidence in the infallibility of her system. This puts out of the question all suspicion of quackery or deception, which are generally attached to secret remedies.

We have ourselves seen a number of persons who were great stammerers before they entered the institution, and have ever since spoken with perfect ease and fluency; and we have further learnt from those who have been corrected; that it is as impossible to relapse into their former habit, when once corrected according to this system, as it would be for a person who never had stammered to get into such a habit.

Copy of a letter to Mrs. Leigh, from the gentlemen who visited her institution in company with Doct. Mitchell; with remarks on the same from the editor (Mr. Noah) of the New-York National Advocate.

Stammering.—If any doubts have heretofore existed relative to the efficacy of Mrs. Leigh's system in curing confirmed stammerers, the following certificate, from distinguished medical men, acquainted with her method, and familiar with the organs of sound, will put the matter at rest. It is a most valuable discovery, and merits confidence and patronage, wherever the defect exists:

New-York, April 12, 1826.

Having received from Mrs. Leigh, an explanation of her theory for the correction of stammering, and other impediments of speech, and having visited her institution, it is with great pleasure that we offer to the public our testimony in her favor.

From the many instances we there saw of cure, even when the habit had been of very long standing, as well as from the assurances of many respectable persons, of the great advantage they had derived from her instruction, we sincerely believe it will prove a public benefit; and we hope that Mrs. Leigh may obtain the patronage her ingenuity and persevering patience have so well deserved.

We do not hesitate further to add our conviction that an adherence to her rules, on the part of the pupil, is all that is requisite to effect a perfect cure.

(Signed)

SAM'L L. MITCHELL, M. D.

Professor of Materia Medica and Botany, in the University of New-York.

JOHN McVICKAR, D. D.

Professor of Moral Philosophy, Columbia College.

JAS. R. MANLEY, M. D.

President of the New-York State Medical Society.

JOHN WATTS, Jr. M. D.

Physician to the New-York Hospital.

Dr. J. R. Manley, one of the gentlemen whose names are subscribed to the foregoing letter, having afterwards visited the institution very frequently, and becoming more fully aware of the value of her system, from having had frequent conversations with Mrs. Leigh on the subject, in detail ; but more especially by observing the effect of her instructions in the speedy, and in some cases, almost instantaneous restoration of her pupils to the power of distinct and unembarrassed utterance, was induced to write to her again. The following is his letter. It is scarcely necessary to add, that what renders the unqualified testimony of this gentleman in Mrs. Leigh's favor the more valuable, is, that as on the one hand his character for science and learning places him above a suspicion of putting a confidence in the efficacy of her system not warranted by its merits ; so on the other, his reputation as a citizen and physician, forbids the idea of his sanctioning imposition, or lending his countenance to quackery.

New-York, May, 1826.

MADAM,—I take great pleasure in bearing my public testimony to the excellence of your plan for the treatment and cure of Stammering, which in some cases, exists to such extent as to place the unfortunate subject of this habit, so far at least as his conversational talent is concerned, very nearly in the condition of a *Mute*. The confidence you have placed in me by explaining in detail your method, and the facts and reasonings by which you have attained such complete success, receives my acknowledgements

The examination, from time to time, of your pupils ; the histories of their own cases from their own mouths ; the opportunities I have had to compare the progress of their amendment ; and above all, the points of support which your system derives from a developement of the causes of Stammering, as laid open in your exposition, have all conspired to convince me that your method must be successful ; and that, if the pupils be of adult or discretionary age, having been once cured, they cannot relapse into their former habit, without (I had almost said) studying to acquire it.

That unexampled success will attend your efforts in the treatment of this unfortunate vice of speech, I entertain no doubt, and if it bear any assignable proportion to your merits in bringing it

to such a degree of perfection, you will have abundant cause of satisfaction.

With much esteem, I am,

Madam, Yours,

(Signed)

JAMES R. MANLEY, M. D.

President of the New-York Medical Society.

Extract from the "National Advocate," edited by E. J. Roberts.

IMPEDIMENTS OF SPEECH.

An effectual remedy for the cure of this annoying and unhappy complaint has long been anxiously enquired after by its suffering votaries, and when Mrs. Leigh sometime since announced her discovery, although we had faith in what little we had an opportunity of witnessing, we were not fully convinced, and have since devoted a leisure hour occasionally for the last fortnight, at her institution, to remove doubt, and be assured we were not mistaken; considering the subject one of infinite importance to individuals in every section of the country, and as such demanding our particular attention, we are happy to say the result has been as favorable as we could desire it to be, and has far exceeded all reasonable anticipations.

We conversed with several of her pupils on their entering the institution, when they could scarcely articulate a word, and have seen them after two or three days instruction, speak with a fluency that assured the hearer that they were as far from stammering as one who had never laboured under the misfortune. Amongst the number we have paid particular attention to five or six gentlemen from Virginia, and several from other of the southern states; gentlemen whose talents and virtues commanded our respect and acquired our esteem; and, never have we experienced a more heartfelt gratification, than we have in the sudden changes we have seen effected in the speech, and the happy reflections it appeared to excite in their minds.

The following is copied from Noah's New-York National Advocate.

STAMMERING.

We yesterday called at Mrs. Leigh's Seminary, for the cure of stammerers, and was highly gratified at the progress made by several pupils. One stammerer, of an obdurate nature, from Dutchess county, commenced on Thursday last, and reads and

speaks perfectly plain. Another from Rhode-Island, who wrote his questions and answers, from inability to express them, has made wonderful progress in a few days. It is a very interesting exhibition, and the cures are astonishing.

From the New-York Truth Teller.

IMPEDIMENTS OF SPEECH.

Those laboring under this embarrassment, or who have friends and relations thus afflicted, are respectfully referred to the advertisement of Mrs. Leigh, which appears in another column of our paper. By Mrs. Leigh's peculiar mode of teaching, we understand, the defect is removed in a very short time ; indeed some cases of perfect cure which have come to our knowledge, are of such an extraordinary nature, that we intend to visit the establishment personally, when we shall bring it more immediately under the notice of our readers.

PROOFS OF CURES

AT MRS. LEIGH'S INSTITUTION.

The published opinions, however, of so many professional and learned gentlemen are not the only, nor the chief proofs, which can be furnished of the efficacy of Mrs. Leigh's system. There are numerous private, and some public certificates, from persons, who, having all their lives endured the miseries of imperfect utterance, have at length, in a very short time, been relieved of their unhappy habit, and restored to the pleasures of life and conversation, by her instructions—and who, having practically experienced the benefits and advantages of her system, are best calculated to bear testimony of its excellence. The following are a *few* of many certificates of effectual cures ; it is considered superfluous to publish them all.

MR. MONSON'S NOTE TO MRS. LEIGH.

Mr. Monson's compliments to Mrs. Jane Leigh, and requests her acceptance of the enclosed bank bill for \$100, accompanied

by his sincere thanks, for the evident improvement (and he trusts effectual cure) she has made in his daughter Ann Eliza's speech.

Monday morning, 2d Jan. 1826.

JOHN STEADY'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I am now in the sixteenth year of my age—that from the age of six years, I have had an impediment of speech, and for some years past have stammered to such a degree as to render it very difficult to attend to the selling part of the business of the store in which I live. I have scarcely ever read a single sentence aloud without stammering. Indeed, there were times when I was totally unable to communicate my thoughts by words. I live in Fredericksburgh, Virginia, where I lately learned from a New York paper that a person in New York professed the ability to cure stammering. I accordingly left home, and arrived in New York on Thursday the 2d inst. Having a letter of introduction to Mr. J. G. Durell, he called with me on the following day on Mrs. Leigh, who professed to cure impediments of speech, when it was agreed that I should on Saturday commence receiving her instructions. I did so, and the consequence is, that this day, Monday, February the 6th, I am perfectly cured of all impediment, and can speak and read as fluently as if I had never stammered. Thus having been entirely cured within the space of three days.

JNO. STEADY.

Monday, February 6th, 1826.

(Mr. Durell's Note to the same.)

I am well acquainted with the facts stated in the above certificate of Mr. Steady, both respecting his stammering, and the success of Mrs. Leigh in his cure. They are correct.

JOSEPH G. DURELL,
482 Pearl-street.

The following communication on the subject of Mr. Steady's cure is taken from the New-York Evening Post; the matter having attracted much attention at the time :

MR. COLEMAN,

On Monday last I visited Mrs. Leigh's institution, at No. 22, Gold-street. It appears that this lady possesses the singular

faculty of correcting the most obstinate cases of stammering, in a few days. There were present three of her pupils, two young ladies and a young gentleman, who all conversed with perfect ease and fluency. The case of the young gentleman struck me as the most remarkable; I had the facts from his own lips, and confirmed by the gentleman to whose care he was introduced in this city, Mr. J. G. Durell, merchant, Pearl-street.

This young man is a clerk in his uncle's store, in Fredericksburgh, Virginia, where he lately learned from an advertisement in a New-York paper, that a person in this city cured stammering. Pleased with the hope of a recovery of his power of speech, he hastened to this city, and arrived here last week. He was, from his impediment of speech, disqualified from doing any other duties in the store except keeping the books—had stammered from the age of six years, and had never been able to read aloud. He was deterred from conversing with strangers, when his impediment was always worse, and at times, it was painfully embarrassing among his friends. He could not pronounce his own name, and was even obliged, while on his way to New-York, to give his name at the stage office by pointing to it on his trunk.

Mr. Durell called with him on Mrs. Leigh, on Friday evening last, who engaged to cure him. It was agreed that he should take his first lesson on Saturday afternoon, 4th of February.—He went accordingly, and after being under her care and instruction *four hours*, his difficulty of utterance was entirely overcome, and he has not stammered on a single word since that time. I heard him read several pages without hesitating at a word; he appears now to have so perfect a command of the organs of speech, that no one would suspect him of having ever stammered. The young gentleman's name is Mr. Steady, Clerk to Mr. Allen, an eminent merchant at Fredericksburgh, in Virginia. He returned home on Tuesday, the 7th of February. Mr. Durell has given permission to be referred to on this occasion—he resides at No. 482 Pearl-street.

The Public are interested in such facts, and that is the motive which prompts me to make this communication. No encomiums of mine could add to the merits and deserts of the respectable female at the head of this institution, to whom the public are so much indebted. Her reward will be in the gratitude and patronage of that unfortunate part of the community, the stammerers, and their friends, of which the writer of this is

Extract from the New-York National Advocate, on the same subject.

STAMMERING.

We noticed some days ago the advertisement of Mrs. Leigh, No. 22 Gold-street, who proposed to cure impediments of speech, or stammering, a most painful and unpleasant affliction; and in proof of the efficacy of her system, we have witnessed an extraordinary instance of cure. A young gentleman arrived in this city on Thursday, from Fredericksburgh, Va. sent by his parents to be cured of a most obstinate stammering. He called on Mrs. Leigh on Friday, and on Saturday, remained five hours with her, taking the usual lessons—his speech is now clear, smooth, and free from the least impediment. He assured us that he could not read, and could scarcely speak, from guttural difficulty and spasmodic affection. He could not utter his name to be placed on the way bill, and was compelled to point to it on his trunk; he now reads fluently, and speaks without hesitation, and after a few hours instruction. We also conversed with two ladies who had been relieved from a similar affliction, in eight or ten days practice, and whose speech was free from impediment.

Such well attested cases should be made publicly known, for the benefit of the many ladies and gentlemen, who are deprived of the charms of conversation, or injured in business by such painful obstructions. No time should be lost in applying to this lady, who is well informed and respectable.

DOCTOR UPSON'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I have attended Mrs. Leigh's Institution for correcting impediments of speech, *four days*, and have been perfectly relieved of an inveterate stammering of *twenty years standing*; and in the proper application of her remedy, find it absolutely impossible to stammer.

HIRAM UPSON,

New York, March 17, 1826.

DR. UPSON'S LETTER.

Hyde Park, May 27, 1826.

MRS. LEIGH,

Madam,—The injunction under which you laid me, when I left you, and the benefit I have received from your excellent instruc-

tions, have laid me under obligations which I cannot neglect. To tell you I have greatly improved, would perhaps be saying too much in my own favor. I will only say, that I speak with much more ease than when I left you, and am perfectly satisfied that your method has removed the cause, and nothing is required on my part but extreme caution. The difficulties of a stammerer are hydra-headed, and require the utmost patience, perseverance and decision to overcome them. I have conversed with several of my friends, who are perfectly satisfied of the benefit I have received.

If there is a "luxury in doing good," you must have experienced it, and if the usefulness of our lives be in exact ratio to the benefits we confer on mankind, I cannot help wishing you long life and success.

Be assured, Madam, that I am deeply interested in the prosperity of your institution, and will render you every service in my power. I should be happy to have you write me how your pupils have improved, and give me any instructions you may think proper. Please to present them my compliments and best wishes for their perfect restoration.

I am, Madam,
Your obd't. serv't.
HIRAM UPSON.

MR. SHERMAN'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I, Charles H. Sherman, of the town of Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Conn. aged 19 years, have stammered from my infancy ; and when I came to Mrs. Leigh's institution, my difficulty of utterance was so great, that it took me nearly a minute to speak a word. There were words I was entirely unable to utter, and in my efforts to speak, I was obliged to throw myself into the most awkward and disagreeable positions. I came into the institution on the 24th of April, and am now, this 13th day of May, (being 19 days) entirely cured of my stammering, and speak with as much ease and fluency, and read with as much facility, as if I had never stammered. I am confident, from the system under which I have been instructed, that I cannot relapse into my former habit. Given under my hand, this 13th day of May, 1826, at the New York institution.

CHARLES H. SHERMAN.

JOHN PINKS' CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I have attended Mrs. Leigh's Institution for correcting stammering. That I took the first lesson on Monday, 27th March, and was perfectly cured on Friday the 31st, having from my youth been an obstinate stammerer.

JOHN PINKS.

Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y. March, 1826.

DAVID W. FARRIER'S CERTIFICATE.

I, David W. Farrier, aged 31 years, of the town of Warwick, in the county of Orange, do hereby certify, that I was from my infancy afflicted with stammering to such extent, as to render my conversing with any person a matter of extreme difficulty.

Having heard of the cures performed by Mrs. Leigh, I called at her Institution, No. 22 Gold-street, this morning, and was by her relieved from all difficulty in speaking, in the astonishing short period of an *half hour*; and I now articulate without any impediment, and consider myself quite cured.

DAVID W. FARRIER.

New York, Wednesday afternoon, April 19th, 1826.

MR. DRINKWATER'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify, that I, Andrew Drinkwater, aged 23 years, of the town of Portland, in the state of Maine, have been, since I can remember, afflicted with stammering, to such a degree, as to be painful to myself and to those with whom I attempted to converse. My face and eyes were convulsively distorted by the efforts I made to speak, and it was with difficulty that I could pronounce the commonest words.

Having heard of Mrs. Leigh's Institution for correcting impediments of speech, I came to New York, and called on her yesterday afternoon, when I received her instructions, and was relieved from the difficulty I had all my life labored under. I now speak without the least trouble, and consider myself entirely cured.

ANDREW DRINKWATER.

New York, April 19, 1826.

MR. DUVALL'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that I have been under the care of Mrs. Leigh for a short time, for the purpose of being relieved of an impediment in my speech, which at times was very severe. I am now so much improved that I can speak with *ease and fluency*. I resided in Frederickstown, Maryland, to which place I am now returning, *perfectly cured*, and convinced of the efficacy of Mrs. Leigh's system.

A. T. H. DUVALL.

New York, April 27, 1826.

MR. SMITH'S CERTIFICATE.

I, Elihu Smith, of Hatfield, (Mass.) do certify, that I am now 32 years of age, and have been a stammerer from my infancy. I came to Mrs. Leigh's Institution, this day a week ago, and now declare myself entirely cured, and free from all impediment of speech. I consider her system infallible, and am confident that, according to the principles of the system, I cannot relapse into my former habit.

ELIHU SMITH.

New York, April 28, 1826.

MR. STREET'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I, George Street, from Darien, (Conn.) aged twenty-eight years, have been a stammerer from the age of six. My impediment was so great, that many words were quite unutterable by me, and all words painfully difficult. I never met with another person so bad a stammerer.

I came to Mrs. Leigh's Institution four weeks ago. I can now speak with ease and fluency, and seldom even hesitate on a word, and never unless I for a moment forget my rule.

I do most cheerfully and gratefully make this certified acknowledgment of my cure, with a firm persuasion that it is in my own power to prevent a relapse into my former habit.

GEORGE STREET.

New York, April 28, 1826.

MR. CLARK'S CERTIFICATE.

I, John E. F. Clark, from Montezuma, county of Cayuga, state of New York, do certify that I was a very bad stammerer; to such a degree, indeed, as to be at times perfectly unintelligible to those with whom I attempted to converse.

I have attended Mrs. Leigh's Institution five weeks, and am now able to speak words plain, which I could not at any time utter distinctly. On her rules I am convinced I cannot at any future time stammer.

J. E. F. CLARKE.

New York, May 11, 1826.

About this time, the following article (which is entirely voluntary on the part of Mr. Peter Clarke) appeared in the *Cayuga Republican* :—

We had noticed the advertisement of Mrs. Leigh, in the New York papers, and various recommendations and certificates of her success in enabling persons to overcome a habit of stammering or other impediment of speech ; but the importance and utility of her method has never been so forcibly realized as it was on receiving the following communication, which we publish for the good of those who are so unfortunate as to need her assistance.

“TO ALL STAMMERERS.

“ From gratitude for the great satisfaction and pleasure I have this day received, and for the benefit of all to whom it is addressed, I make the following statement :—My son, who is well known to most of the Gentlemen in Auburn, and also the difficulty under which he labored, left this place on the 1st day of April for New York, and returned this morning perfectly cured of an impediment of speech. He put himself under the tuition of Mrs. Leigh, and states that she has not failed in any one case in perfecting a perfect cure, where her directions are followed ; and recommends to all who wish to be cured of any impediment in their speech, to put themselves under Mrs. Leigh's directions, with a full conviction that a perfect cure will be effected.

“ PETER CLARKE.

“ Montezuma, 15th May, 1826.”

MR. MERVIN'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify, that I have been afflicted with a most obstinate stammering for nearly twenty years, which I thought could not be corrected, short of a miracle.

After having attended Mrs. Leigh's institution two weeks, I am able to speak and read with perfect facility.

I would earnestly recommend any one who is afflicted in the same way, to put themselves under her care, as I am persuaded that on the part of the pupil, nothing is necessary, but a strict observance of her rules to ensure a speedy recovery.

THOMAS S. G. MERVIN.

New York, May 11, 1826.

MR. NEXSEN'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I, Wm W. Nexsen, of the city of New York, aged 18 years, have stammered since the age of 7 years. I have attended Mrs. Leigh's Institution since the 25th day of March, and have been for a month past entirely free from my usual impediment of speech; and that a continuation of my present easy utterance depends altogether on my own will; and further, that I consider myself entirely cured of my stammering.

WM. W. NEXSEN.

New York, May 15, 1826.

MR. BLACKFORD'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I, John A. Blackford, of Shenandoah county, Virginia, aged 22 years, have stammered from my infancy, and on visiting New York for the purpose of attending Mrs. Leigh's and Doct. Yates' Institution, for the correction of my stammering, I received my first instruction on Saturday, May 20, and in *less than two hours* I could speak with ease and fluency. There were words I was unable to utter, for instance, my own name. I think I shall never relapse, without it is my inclination to do so, as I have not stammered since that day. This is given under my hand at the New York Institution, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1826.

J. A. BLACKFORD.

MR. SPENGLER'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, that I, Benjamin Spengler, of Shenandoah county, Virginia, came to Mrs. Leigh's New York Institution to be cured of stammering, having from my infancy been a stammerer. I have found my embarrassment at times so painful and difficult, that I had to decline conversation altogether.

I came thus, to this institution on the 16th day of this month, and on this 29th of May, (being twelve days) I leave the institution, quite free from all impediment in speaking or reading. In short, I consider myself perfectly cured.

BENJAMIN SPENGLER.

MR. BURWELL'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I came to Mrs. Leigh's and Doct. Yates' Institution for correcting stammering : That I have always had an impediment of speech, which for the last two years had become so painful and embarrassing, that it frequently rendered me unable to answer a question. In some instances, I was obliged to remain entirely mute, from a total loss of power over my organs of speech. I commenced in the institution on the 6th May, and have not stammered since the 16th ; and now, on the 30th inst. leave the institution without the slightest impediment of speech.

GEO. H. BURWELL,

New Millwood, Frederick county, Virginia.

New York, May 30, 1826.

MR. ADAMS' CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, that I, Joseph Adams, of the kingdom of Great Britain, aged 28 years, have been a stammerer from my infancy. I came to Mrs. Leigh's New York Institution on the 17th inst. and on her principles have been enabled to speak with ease and fluency ; and can hereafter prevent a recurrence of my impediment, with the slightest care and attention to her rules of instruction. I cheerfully bear my testimony to the efficacy and infallibility of her system. Given under my hand at the New York Institution, this 31st day of May, 1826.

JOSEPH ADAMS.

MR. SAUNDERS' CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, that I, Israel Saunders, of Providence, (R. I.) aged twenty-three years, have been afflicted from my childhood with a painful and embarrassing stammering or impediment of speech. I came to Mrs. Leigh's Institution for the purpose of being cured, on the 22d day of this month. After receiving her

first lesson, I was restored to a distinct utterance, and now I can speak with perfect ease and fluency ; I have reason to say with confidence, that the principles on which I have been cured render a recurrence of my impediment next to impossible. I consider the system infallible. Given under my hand at the New York Institution, this 31st day of May, 1826.

ISRAEL SAUNDERS.

MR. BROWN'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, that I, Abraham B. Brown, of the city of New York, aged 16 years, have had an impediment in my speech from my infancy. I entered Mrs. Leigh's Institution on the 21st May, to be cured, and after the first day of her instruction, I have not halted or stammered on a single word ; and I am fully persuaded from the principle on which I was cured, that no relapse of my impediment can take place.

A. B. BROWN.

New York, June 2, 1826.

MR. CHURCHILL'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that I, Norman Churchill, of the town of Winfield, Herkimer county, state of New-York, aged 26 years, have stammered, or had an impediment of speech from the time I learned to talk. My impediment was to such a degree, that at times I was unable to speak at all, and had to discontinue all attempts at conversation. I came to Mrs. Leigh's New-York Institution to be cured, on the 10th inst. and now, on the 22d June, 1826, after only 12 days of instruction, I leave it *perfectly cured*, and feel and am as free from all difficulty of utterance as any other person. From the principles on which I have been instructed, it appears to me impossible to relapse into my former habit.

Given under my hand at the city of New-York, 22d June, 1826.

NORMAN CHURCHILL.

